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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 1999.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on 12/28/1999 are objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed on 4/30/2000, paper no. # 5 has been considered, a copy of PTO-1449 herewith enclosed with this office action, paper no.8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 1, preamble reads 'electronic and/or physical footprint of a data warehouse', however, applicant fail to define in the specification what is 'electronic and/or physical footprint of a data warehouse', for compact prosecution, examiner assumes it should be 'electronic data warehouse or data marts' and it is treated as 'electronic data warehouse or data marts' in the preamble.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mukhopadhyay et al., [hereafter Mukhopadhyay], US Patent No. 6032158 in view of Bair et al., [hereafter Bair], US Patent No. 6067523.

5. As to Claim 1, Mukhopadhyay teaches a system which including 'a computer implemented method of capturing and recording changes to an electronic data warehouse' [see fig 1-2, Abstract], capturing and recording changes to an electronic data warehouse corresponds to fig 1, element 105-106, 'soliciting a user for data

discovery information defining data and sources of the data for a data warehouse' [col 4, line 39-48], CDC database may contain various database tables such as log record table, image tables transaction tables and like, further user designates one source table in the mapping to be the primary source table as detailed in col 4, line 47-48, defining data corresponds to what data should be captured from the source tables of the operational databases element 201-202 as detailed in col 4, line 9-12, 'documenting at least a portion of the footprint of the data warehouse in an SOR document using database'[col 4, line 58-67, col 5, line 1-5], SOR corresponds to table 1 because table 1 specifically directed to various system of records such as server and database id's, 'incorporating at least a portion of the discovery information recorded in the SOR database' [col 6, line 61-67], It is however, noted that Mukhopadhyay does not specifically teach 'generating a user customized document'. On the other hand, Bair teaches a system which including 'generating a user customized document' [fig 3-4, col 8, line 32-36], customized document corresponds to individual patient's record .

It would have been obvious one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to incorporate the teachings of Bair et al., into capturing and propagating changes from an operational database to data marts of Mukhopadhyay because they both are directed to data storing in one or more databases, more specifically Mukhopadhyay teaches capturing and propagating changes made upon an operational database to one or more target data marts [see col 1, line 7-12], while Bair is directed to creating displaying, reports for aggregating data from patient treatment

results, more specifically optimization system and method for integrating patient data, electronically communicating selected information to a data collection center for amassing a database of behavioral treatment, displaying treatment goals and like as detailed in col 2, line 52-58]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention would have motivated to combine the references because that would have allowed users of Mukhopadhyay's capturing and propagating changes from an operational database to data marts to control which relative combinations of individual patient's database satisfies his or her needs as suggested by Bair et al., [col 3, see 41-46].

6. As to Claim 2, Bair teaches a system which including 'presenting a predefined sequence of queries' [col 8, line 18-27, fig 3], 'set of predefined templates stored in the SOR database' [col 8, line 49-55, fig 4], 'associating user provided answers to the queries with respective ones of the templates' [col 9, line 18-24].

7. As to Claim 3, Bair teaches a system which including 'generating an exception when the user answers a query out of sequence with the predefined sequence of queries and thereby creates at least one unanswered query' [col 12, line 3-22], 'storing the exception in an exception table and associating the exception with the at least one unanswered query' [col 12, line 30-34].

8. As to Claim 4, Bair teaches a system which including 'presenting a list of exceptions and associated unanswered queries to the user, to thereby inform the user of the need to collect further discovery information' [col 12, line 35-55].

9. As to Claims 5, 9-10, Bair teaches a system which including 'extracting a selected portion of the SOR database from the SOR database and storing the extracted portion in a computer memory workspace' [col 13, line 26-31], 'visualizing the extracted portion residing in the workspace on the computer display' [fig 17-20], 'customizing an order of presentation and an output format of the visualized, extracted portion residing in the workspace' [col 13, line 56-67].

10. As to Claim 6, Bair teaches a system which including 'presenting a list of the SOR templates to the user' [col 8, line 49-57], "selecting one or more of the SOR templates from the list of SOR templates' [col 8, line 58-60], 'extracting the selected templates and associated discovery information from the SOR database to establish the extracted portion of the SOR database in the workspace' [col 9, line 18-24].

11. As to Claims 7-8, Bair teaches a system which including 'database includes predefined output formats associated with generating the customized document, and wherein said generating step includes the further step of formatting the extracted portion in accordance with the output formats' [col 13, line 60-67].

12. As to Claim 11, Mukhopadhyay teaches a system which including 'names of source databases and source files providing a source of data to the data warehouse' [col 3, line 65-67, col 4, line 1-4], 'descriptions of the source databases and files' col 4, line 58-67], 'logical data models for the source databases and files and for the data residing in the databases and files' [fig 3], 'locations of the source databases and files including identifier' [col 4, line 47-52]. On the other hand, Bair teaches names and contact information relating to administrators' [col 3, line 1-11], 'updating frequency of the source databases and files' [col 7, line 33-35], 'data transferring methods and frequencies' [col 7, line 28-31, line 45-46], 'volatility rules for the data' [col 7, line 49-55], 'business rationales for using the data' [col 7, line 53-55].

13. As to Claim 12, Bair teaches a system which including 'importing discovery information in the form of at least one of data files' [col 7, line 24-39], 'linking the imported discovery information' [col 8, line 42-48].

14. As to Claim 13, Bair teaches a system which including 'recording configuration control information in the SOR database each time the SOR database is updated' [col 6, line 66-67, col 7, line 1-12].

15. As to Claim 14, Bair teaches a system which including 'uploading the SOR database to a database residing in a network accessible computer' [col 7, line 1-3], network corresponds to LAN element 320.

16. As to Claim 15, Bair teaches a system which including 'document defines the starting system parameters' [see fig 25], Mukhopadhyay teaches 'data warehouse' [fig 1, element 106].

17. As to Claim 16, Mukhopadhyay teaches 'logical data model, physical data model, metadata' [see fig 1-3], while Bair teaches 'configuration templates' [col 8, line 49-55].

18. As to Claim 17, Mukhopadhyay teaches a system which including 'updating the SOR database including modifications to the data warehouse' [col 1, line 63-66].

19. As to Claim 18, Mukhopadhyay teaches a system which including 'synchronizing the SOR' [col 3, line 60-65, fig 2].

20. As to Claim 19, Bair teaches a system which including 'inputting data discovery information either manually or automatically' [fig 4].

21. As to Claim 20, Bair teaches a system which including 'discovery information includes at least one of text, audio, image, and video' [see fig 29-30].

22. As to Claim 21, Bair teaches a system which including 'customized document includes at least one of text, audio, images and video' [fig 29-30].

Conclusion

The prior art made of record

- a. US Patent No. 6032158
- b. US Patent No. 6067523

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure

- c. US Patent No. 6363393
- d. US Patent No. 6243703
- e. US Patent No. 6363391
- f. US Patent No. 6178418
- g. US Patent No. 6163774
- h. US Patent No. 6167405
- i. US Patent No. 6151586
- j. US Patent No. 6035330
- k. EP0703537
- l. EP0706140

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